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Inquiry: If the Board has determined that the administration of conscious sedation is within the scope of practice of RCPs, then I would like to know if the Board has written guidelines for this practice. I would also like to know how RCPs may administer the necessary medications (e.g. through the respiratory tract or intravenously)?

Response: Conscious sedation is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA). The performance of this procedure should be conducted in accordance with a respiratory care protocol, as defined in Section 3702 of the RCPA.

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